

MINUTES OF MEETING OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS OF JANUARY 29th, 1930.

The Board of Public Works met at the offices of the Board, Union Trust Building, Baltimore, on January 29th, 1930.

Present:

Albert C. Ritchie, Governor
Wm. S. Gordy, Jr., Comptroller
John M. Dennis, Treasurer

Mr. F. Brooke Matthews, State Tobacco Inspector, appeared before the Board and stated he had received estimates for equipping the warehouse with new fire shutters, as contemplated by that part of Chapter 132 of the Acts of 1929, authorizing the General Construction Loan of 1929, which appropriates \$6,000 out of the February 15th, 1930, issue, for new fire shutters and supporting columns. The cost of the new shutters will be about \$5,800.00, and Mr. Matthews was authorized to have them made and installed, with the understanding that not more than \$6,000.00 be spent for the work. The supporting columns are to be taken care of out of the allowance of \$140,000 in the August 15th, 1930, bond issue for repairs and rebuilding.

Mr. F. W. Besley, State Forester, appeared before the Board and outlined the plans of the State Department of Forestry in the matter of acquiring forest lands, for which there is an appropriation of \$50,000 in the August 15th, 1930, issue of the General Construction Loan of 1929. Mr. Besley stated the Department had purchased last fall, and paid for out of the Forest Reserve Fund, a tract of land in Garrett County, of 1203 acres, for \$1,600.00. He further stated that the Department proposed purchasing other tracts, one known as the Bond tract, of 4378 acres, at a cost of \$2.00 per acre, another known as the Dimeling tract, of 6533 acres, at a cost of \$2.00 per acre, and a third tract known as the Henrico Lumber Company tract, at a cost of \$4.00 per acre. The Bond and Dimeling tracts are in Garrett County and the Henrico Lumber Company tract is in Charles County. There will be some adjustment of taxes on the first two tracts, and it will likely be necessary to take into account interest on the purchase price because of the State not being able to make payment until the appropriation of \$50,000 becomes available next August.

After full consideration of the matter the Board approved the purchase last fall of the tract of 1203 acres, and also approved the proposed purchases as outlined above. The Board also agreed, in order not to handicap the Department of Forestry in making purchase of forest lands where it is necessary to act promptly, to allow the purchases to be made without approval first being secured from the Board of Public Works, provided the approval of the Board of Regents was first secured and that the Board of Public Works be advised promptly after such purchases of the details involved in the purchases.

The following letter from Springfield State Hospital was read and considered:

"January 20, 1930

To the Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:

We were granted in Chapter 345, page 641, of the Laws of Maryland 1927 'for new buildings \$200,000.00; additions to Epileptic Colony \$165,000.00; etc.'

I herewith make request that the balance of \$2,668.54 in additions to Epileptic Colony be placed to the new buildings just completed, being used as Infirmary buildings, the cost of which will come within this transfer.

Very respectfully,

/s/ E. B. Bledsoe, Superintendent."

After due consideration the Board approved the request.

The following letter from the Board of Welfare was read and considered:

"January 24th, 1930.

Mr. J. O. McCusker, Clerk,
Board of Public Works,
Annapolis, Maryland.

Gentlemen:-

The Board of Welfare has awarded contracts as follows:

MARYLAND HOUSE OF CORRECTION

McCall & Watts

Contract for foundation for the new engine
and generator in the sum of \$1220.00

Wallace Stebbins & Son

Contract for piping, etc., in connection
with the new engine and generator in the
sum of \$569.00.

MARYLAND PENITENTIARY

Skinner Engine Co.

Contract for new engine and generator in
the sum of \$11,888.00.

We are asking for your approval of the above contracts. Payment
to be made from the bond issue of February 15th, 1930.

Very truly yours,

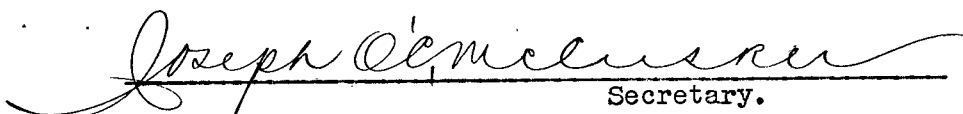
/s/ Robert D. Case
Secretary-Treasurer."

After due consideration the Board approved the contracts enumerated.

The Board of Managers of the Emergency Hospital, Annapolis, presented to the Board the matter of completing the work of rebuilding the hospital. There is an appropriation of \$25,000 in the February 15th, 1930, issue of bonds of the General Construction Loan of 1929, intended to cover the cost of the work. The estimates received from contractors for doing the work show that the lowest estimate is slightly less than \$49,000. The hospital stated it could do part of the work, that of completing the maternity department with the \$25,000 available, but that the balance of the work, if done later, when funds could be appropriated, would cost about \$35,000. A saving of about \$11,000 could be effected if the work could all be done at the one time.

The board was of the opinion it would be unwise not to do all of the work at one time, especially as it would cost about \$11,000 extra to do the work in two parts and the hospital would be without the use of the unfinished part in the interim. The Board stated that if the hospital could arrange to finance the deficit and have all the work done at this time, they would recommend to the next Legislature that an appropriation be made to cover the deficit.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.


Secretary.